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Ex parte GILBERT WOLRICH, MATTHEW J. ADILETTA, WILLIAM R. WHEELER, DEBRA BERNSTEIN and DONALD F. HOOPER

Application 10/069,229

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 16, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed June 4, 2004 (page 2 was not signed by the examiner). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statements submitted nor notified applicants of why his submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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## Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is being electronically returned to the

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- 1) for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement,
- 2) to notify appellant in writing of such consideration; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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